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Subject: FW: Agency action needed to address PFAS contamination in pesticides

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Thank you, Peter and Carey. CLF and PEER would like to meet as soon as possible. Let me know how we can help facilitate scheduling.

Best,

Jen

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Thank you, Cary.

To add to that, there is significant interest from the environmental regulator side of the house to hold a joint meeting with CLF and PEER. I offered that we would begin the coordination process to get that meeting on the books.

Thanks,
Peter

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Hello Jen,

The EPA Region 1 States (New England) are currently working on drafting a collective response, we have also coordinated this with the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, because as co-regulators some of the responses to the contamination will fall on EPA. We understand that at least PEER has been corresponding with EPA directly and you have already reached out to Maine to set a meeting date. Would you like to wait until we get our response finalized to discuss it or would you prefer to have a pre-meeting prior to the response being finalized?



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Hi Secretary Moore and Secretary Tebbetts:

I'm following up on CLF and PEER's request from nearly three weeks ago to meet with you and your staff re the urgent issue of PFAS contamination in pesticides. I have received no response from either agency to date.

Please advise as to whether you are willing to meet with us to discuss how AAFM and ANR intend to address this serious issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Jen

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Importance: High

Dear Secretary Moore and Secretary Tebbetts:

We write to alert you to the urgent issue of pesticides contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS"), toxic "forever chemicals." Recent tests conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility ("PEER") have shown alarmingly high concentrations of PFAS in pesticide products registered and used in Vermont.

We ask that the State of Vermont take action immediately as outlined in the attached letter to address these serious concerns.

CLF and PEER also request a meeting with you to discuss.

We look forward to meeting with you and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Best,

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